

1 WHEREAS, education was Mr. Baca's first and greatest passion, himself
2 attending St. Joseph's College in Albuquerque on the GI Bill and earning a
3 bachelor of arts degree followed by a master's degree in history from New
4 Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas; and

5 WHEREAS, Pat Baca met Marie McDonald when they were students at St.
6 Joseph's College/University of Albuquerque, they wed in 1949 and were
7 married for 65 years and shared the love of reading and education, Marie
8 serving as a librarian and Master Teacher for APS and Pat serving as a teacher
9 and principal, they raised eight children, all of whom have college and post-
10 graduate degrees; and

11 WHEREAS, Pat Baca was the recipient of the 1992 Distinguished Alumnus
12 Award from New Mexico Highlands University, he was inducted into the Senior
13 Hall of Fame in 1997, and presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award
14 from the New Mexico Recreation and Parks Association in 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, the City Council deems it appropriate and in the public interest
16 to recognize Patrick J. Baca for his significant contributions to literacy,
17 education and the City of Albuquerque.

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
19 ALBUQUERQUE:

20 Section 1. That the Central & Unser Library be named the "Central & Unser
21 - Patrick J. Baca Library."
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